

Who are inventors?

- "Invention" means a new product or process involving an inventive step and capable of industrial application. "Inventive step" means a feature of an invention that involves technical advance as compared to the existing knowledge or having economic significance or both and that makes the invention not obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- All persons who contribute towards development of patentable features of an invention are to be named inventor(s).
- All persons, who have made intellectual contribution (conceived at least one claim of the patent) in achieving the final results of the research work leading to a patent, should be named inventor(s).
- A person who has not contributed intellectually in the development of an invention is not entitled to be included as an inventor.
- A person who provides ideas needed to produce the 'germs of the invention' need not himself / herself carry out the experiments, constructs the apparatus with his/her own hands or make the drawings himself/herself. The person may take the help of others. Such person who have helped in conducting the experiments, constructing apparatus or making the drawings or models without providing any intellectual inputs are not entitled to be named inventors.
- Quite often difficulties are experienced in deciding the names of inventors. To avoid such a situation, it is very essential that all persons engaged in research to keep factual, clear and accurate recorded of daily work done by them in the form of laboratory note *book*.